

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Siegfried MAYER et al.

Appl. No.: **NEW** Group:
Filed: July 23, 2003 Examiner:
For: CIRCUIT APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
 OPERATING A LAMP

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

July 23, 2003

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the rewritten Abstract of the Disclosure on a separate sheet attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) The circuit apparatus as claimed in claim 1, in which the lamp can be operated in a load circuit that is connected to the inverter device.